

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 37 are in the Application as filed, with claims 1-3, 5-6, 11-21, 23-24, and 27-36 having been amended, and with claims 4, 7, 22, and 25-26 and 37 having been cancelled. Claims 1, 16, 27, and 36 are the independent claims herein. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections and rejections are respectfully requested.

Claim 25 is objected to by the Office Action because there is a typographical error at the end of line 2. Applicant amends claim 25 to correct the typographical error. Applicant therefore requests that the Office Action withdraw the objection to claim 25.

Claims 1-3 and 5-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed inventions are purportedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant amends claims 1-3 and 5-35 to overcome this rejection. For instance, claim 1 now recites steps which occur with a “provider” and a “provider database.” Applicant therefore requests that the Office Action withdraw the 35 U.S.C. §101 rejections of Claims 1-3 and 5-35.

Claims 1-6, 8-15, and 22-37 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Publication No. 2001/0056359 A1 (“Abreu”). Claims 7 and 16-21 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Abreu in view of U.S. Publication No. 2001/0028308 A1 (“Huerga”).

Claim 1 of the present Application relates to a method for providing updated information regarding a product. In claim 1, a determination is made by a supplier that can provide the product to an entity that can provide the product to a recipient. The determination includes a first Internet address where the product information regarding the product is available. There is conveyed, by the supplier, the product information, found at the first Internet address, to a provider database of the entity. **The information regarding the product is received by the entity from the first Internet address without additional routing performed by the supplier.** The provider database receives recipient information regarding the recipient of the product from the recipient. The entity updates the product information regarding the product based, at least in part, on the recipient information. **A second Internet address is associated by the entity with the updated product information. The updated product information can be accessed at the**

second Internet address by the recipient without any additional routing performed by the recipient. The entity generates a packaging associated with the product. **The entity copies the second Internet address onto the packaging associated with the product.** The entity provides the product with the associated packaging having the copied second Internet address to the recipient. **The updated product information is partitioned at the second Internet address in accordance with information provided by the recipient.**

In some possible embodiments of claim 1, “Processing begins at a step 162 during which an address is determined for a location containing information for a product, or where the information is otherwise available for a product, without additional routing... Thus, a person accessing the location does not need to do any further navigation or contact any additional location to access at least some information regarding the product.” (Present Application, page 13, lines 1-11).

In some possible embodiments of claim 1, “During a step 146, packaging is created that includes the address determined for the product during the step 142. ... In some embodiments, creating packaging for the product that includes the address may include one or more of the following: providing a label on a container of the product, wherein the label includes some or all of the address; providing some or all of the address on a container of the product; providing some or all of the address on usage” (Application, page 12, lines 1-7).

In some possible embodiments of claim 1,

During a step 184, the person involved in the step 182, or another device or entity on the person’s behalf, under the person’s control, or with the person’s permission, is allowed to partition access to the information... Thus, allowing a person to partition information may be or include allowing the person to grant an ability to at least one other person to access the information; allowing the person to grant an ability to at least one other person to read the information; allowing the person to grant an ability to at least one other person to update the information; allowing the person to grant an ability to at least one other person to add new information, etc. (Application, page 15, lines 8-22).

The art of record is not seen to disclose or to suggest the above features of amended independent claim 1. In particular, the art of record is not seen to disclose or suggest a **first Internet address where product information regarding a product is available**, wherein the information regarding the product is received by an entity that can provide the product to a recipient from the first Internet address **without additional routing performed by a supplier**.

The art of record does not disclose or suggest a **second Internet address associated by the entity with updated product information**, wherein the updated product information can be accessed at the second Internet address by the recipient **without additional routing performed by the recipient**. In claim 1, the entity generates a packaging associated with the product, and the updated product information can be accessed at the second Internet address by the recipient. The art of record is not seen to disclose or to suggest that the entity copies the **second Internet address onto the packaging** associated with the product or that **updated product information is partitioned at the second Internet address by the recipient**.

Abreu relates to an automated system for communicating product information to consumers through a central computer using a distributed computer network. The central computer establishes a link between a user and associated product information and stores it in a database. User medical information is also submitted and retained by the central computer. Upon receipt of product information, the control computer identifies user-product links impacted by the product update information and automatically initiates electronic or other communications. (Abstract).

In Abreu,

[t]he system can work on information locally stored, but if the information on the unique potentially harmful product transferred by the user is not located over the GPI server 10, the GPI server 10 can then connect the user to the remote site over the Internet 100 which contains the warning information on the harmful product. Alternatively, the GPI server 10 can electronically connect the user of the product with the site on the Internet which contains the warning information, such as the research institution 154, or the manufacturer 148, or the FDA 130, or the CPSC 132, and the like. Information relevant only to the products associated with a unique user is transferred back to the user and the user receives selected information on only the products being utilized by the user and only on interaction product-biological variables corresponding to the health status of the single user... (Paragraph 309).

However, Abreu does not disclose or suggest that no additional routing occurs by a **supplier** when conveying product information found at a first Internet address to an entity that can provide the product to a recipient. Abreu also does not disclose or suggest that no additional routing occurs when a second Internet address is accessed by a recipient of the product, **wherein updated product information can be accessed by the recipient at the second Internet**

address. Moreover, Abreu does not disclose or suggest, **copying**, by the entity that can provide the product to the recipient, **the second Internet address onto a packaging of the product**.

Nor does Huerga compensate for the deficiencies of Abreu. Heurga is directed to an interactive medication container. However, Heurga does not disclose or suggest that disclose or suggest that no additional routing occurs by a supplier when conveying product information found at a first Internet address to an entity that can provide the product to a recipient. Heurga also does not disclose or suggest that no additional routing occurs when a second Internet address is accessed by a recipient of the product, wherein updated product information can be accessed by the recipient at the second Internet address. Moreover, Heurga does not disclose or suggest, **copying**, by the entity that can provide the product to the recipient, **the second Internet address onto a packaging of the product**. Nor does Heurga disclose or suggest partitioning the updated product information at the second Internet address in accordance with information provided by the recipient.

In view of the foregoing, amended independent claim 1 is believed to be in condition for allowance. Claims 2-3, 5-6 and 8-15 depend from claim 1 and are therefore also believed to be allowable for at least the foregoing reasons.

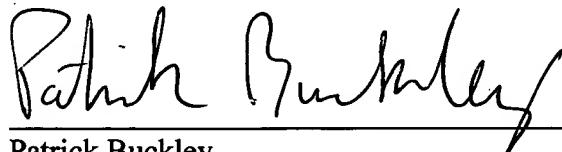
Amended independent claims 16, 27 and 36 are directed to a methods and a system in which no additional routing occurs by a supplier when conveying product information to an entity that can provide a product to a recipient, found at a first Internet address. In claims 16, 27 and 36, no additional routing occurs when a second Internet address is accessed by the recipient of the product, wherein updated product information can be accessed by the recipient at the second Internet address. Claims 16, 27 and 36 are further directed to **copying**, by an entity that can provide the product to the recipient, **the second Internet address onto a packaging of the product**. Furthermore, claims 16, 27 and 36 are directed to partitioning, the updated product information at the second Internet address in accordance with information provided by the recipient.

In view of the foregoing, amended claims 16, 27 and 36 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Claims 17-21, 23-24 and 28-35 depend variously upon claims 16 and 27, and are therefore also believed to be allowable for at least the foregoing reasons.

C O N C L U S I O N

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the pending claims. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned via telephone at (203) 972-0191.

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